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SUBJ: PRESIDENT THIEU'S VISIT TO THAILAND

1. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CHARTCHAI CONFIRMED TO DCM JULY 18 THAT PRESIDENT THIEU IS LIKELY TO VISIT THAILAND IN EARLY AUGUST. FINAL DATE HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED, BUT RTG HAS PROPOSED ARRIVAL FRIDAY, AUGUST 3. VISIT WILL BE "OFFICIAL" RATHER THAN STATE AND PROBABLY LAST ABOUT FOUR DAYS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, CHARTCHAI SAID THAT INITIATIVE FOR VISIT HAD COME FROM GVN WHICH SAID THIEU HAD TWO PURPOSES IN MIND: TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THAI SUPPORT TO GVN WAR EFFORT AND TO DISCUSS SITUATION IN AREA AFFECTING SECURITY OF BOTH THAILAND AND VIETNAM. ASKED IF THIS MEANT CAMBODIA, CHARTCHAI SAID IT DID. IN REPLY TO QUESTION CHARTCHAI SAID RTG HAD RECEIVED NO INDICATION THAT THIEU HAD SPECIFIC PROPOSALS IN MIND AND ASSUMED THAT VISIT WOULD BE LIMITED TO EXCHANGE OF IDEAS. UNGER

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